

EXTENSION TO ACADEMY BUILDING .

The report of the Committee on Activities adopted by the Academy in January 1929, outlined the present and possible future activities of the Academy, and stressed emphatically the importance of an extension to the present building. It had been recognized when the present building was constructed that only the activities then under way could be housed in it. The report therefore urged the importance of an extension and subsequently the Council authorized the appointment of a special Committee on Gifts and Bequests of which the President was Chairman, to secure additional funds for an extension and additional endowment.

In June 1930, a letter was sent to Mr. Edward S. Harkness, asking if he would be interested in making a grant toward the construction of an addition at a cost of \$350,000, or in making a donation toward \$400,000 of additional endowment. The Committee was very much gratified to hear from Mr. Harkness in July 1930, that he would be glad to give the sum of \$350,000 for the construction of an addition, provided the Academy was able to secure \$400,000 of endowment prior to July 1, 1931.

\$400,000 SECURED.

It was reported to the Council at its meeting on May 27, 1931, that \$403,137.92 had been obtained, which includes a tentative grant from one of the Foundations of \$50,000 or more, which has not yet been officially confirmed.

At the January meeting of the Board a Building Committee was appointed, consisting of Drs. Duel, Pool, Niles, Cohn, Hartwell, Williams and Malloch. Messrs. York and Sawyer were shortly instructed to prepare preliminary drawings for an extension. The architects prepared two plans, one for the construction of an addition over the present auditorium which would extend up to the height of the

present main building, including two new stack stories, and an alternative plan which provided for an addition to be built over the auditorium up to the level of the fifth story, set back from the street, and new construction to be built on the present vacant yard, which would provide more adequate facilities for the Library, and an exterior more in keeping with the general style of the building. Estimates were obtained on these alternative projects and it was found that the smaller one would cost \$350,000 and the larger \$450,000.

The larger plan was reported to Mr. Harkness and the matter discussed in detail with his representative with the result that Mr. Harkness has offered an extension of time of six months, until December 31, 1931, so that the Academy may have an opportunity to secure an additional \$100,000 in order that the larger extension can be constructed. On May 27, 1931 the Council voted to endeavor to secure an additional \$100,000 prior to December 31, 1931.

The Council feels very much gratified that it has been possible to secure gifts and pledges during the past winter sufficient to increase the endowment fund by \$400,000, and is encouraged to endeavor to raise \$100,000 more in the next six months.